

Laramie April 2^d 1877.

Dear Bro' Jackson:

I fully sympathize with the spirit of your letter enclosed. As to this field we cannot count upon more than about thirty, or forty, at most, who are able to do any thing for the general cause; and these are not willing to do much. In aid to the church here are supported mostly by outsiders and the money is squeezed out of them by begging and in the way of socials and other unscriptural means. We are much disengaged here that is my wife and myself - we have labored harder than on any ⁱⁿ field we have ever been and had more drawn back - to maintain our

position as a church we have
spent out of our wages in
come one hundred and fifty
dollars, that being more than
any other member of the church
has given in the same time. We
have now done all we can do
and if we remain on the field
after this year we will have
to receive a support, one third
of which we have, heretofore,
had to scratch for outside of
either the church or the Board.

There is one thing which I be-
lieve the Presbyterian church has
to make to the importance of
the Episcopate on the part of
the Presbytery. Where our church
is established and has made its
set of progress, a Pastor or sup-
ply is generally equal to all
ordinary emergencies; but

as our American Society is now
constituted there are new difficulties
to contend with and those that
will no longer allow of "Presby-
terians being any longer 'guile
poorish people'". Instead of distinct
missionaries being dispersed with
their number should be increas-
ed and their duties more clearly
defined - And I honestly believe that
if our churches could be visited
which is an old feature of Presby-
terianism and of its best days - it
would increase their efficiency
prod - I have seen it tried and
speak from observation.
But may be we will be able to
ventilate this matter at synod.
I am still watching the devel-
opments of Providence as they
bear upon the question of
my European tour. Your

may ask what a squeezed miss-
ay has to crop the water on;
Well that's just what I say -
still we can walk by faith in
matters of this kind as well as
in others -

Kind regards to Mrs. & Mrs. of Childs.
Yours in the gospel,
W. E. Hamilton.

A. T.
~~DANFORD & GUNNELL,~~

Attorneys and Counselors at Law,

Lake City, Col., April 3^d 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear brother

I was requested by the trustees of the First Pro. Ch. of Lake City to write you upon the subject of supplying us with a pastor after brother Darby leaves us. And just here I will say that he has made himself a most enviable reputation here, won many friends, and done much good service for our Master, and most of the people and members would like to have him remain with us.

We are sorry to have to say that our numbers have materially decreased since last fall, by reason of the removing to Cal. of our, financially, strongest man, and from the fact that the Episcopal Church have organized and several of those who were united with us were members of that church and have gone there. And they were some of our best paying members. I believe the understanding is that we pay Bro. D. \$500 per month and he is good enough to give us credit for doing so, but he can only count it up by allowing double price for a weeks board with some of us &c. all of which

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He will explain, I suppose, when you see him at first. Now the object of this letter is simply to say that we cannot pay a minister \$50⁰⁰ per month, there being only ten or twelve members and only five or six men in business among them, and all of them poor. The church was built by outside parties, and members of other churches, in a great measure, and neither class do any thing in support of the minister. The amount of cash paid Bro. Darley per month since he is keeping house has not exceeded \$9⁰⁰. Now you will please be charitable & not think we want to shirk our duty; for we are all poor but willing, but we did not want you to send us a minister believing we could pay him more than we were able and thus disappoint all parties. There are a great many strangers coming in daily and we have splendid audiences, and if many of them should prove to be brethren and unite with us we could pay more; but the present membership cannot pay more than ten or possibly fifteen dollars per month. Hoping I have given you a correct idea of our condition, I remain yours in Christ

A. T. Gunnell

Ans
I hope you will be back
better and clothing in
the sunless. And as soon as
you come,
Philosom Jackson
P. S. Lewis

West Chester Pa.

April 4. 1877

Dear Brother

Your letters reached
me promptly, and I am somewhat
ashamed of the delay. I sent the letter
enclosed to Mrs Jones, our minister's wife.
And asked her if she thought any one in the
church would feel glad to contribute
to such a cause. She is a while souled
little woman, and at once said there was
\$25 in the infant school fund, which
was for home mission purposes. And
was all collected. She called on the lady
who has had charge of the infant school
and she said she would send it at
once. The next day concluded she would
credit for it in the Home Board. And
was afraid she would not get it from you.

If you think we had
better send clothing or
the money. And as soon
as you can.

Ans

Yours ever Christian love

P. S. Lewis

Will send the letter
soon. When it has
done its work,
when you are
hunting for
its return?

Sept 5. 1877

West Chester Pa.

Dear Brother

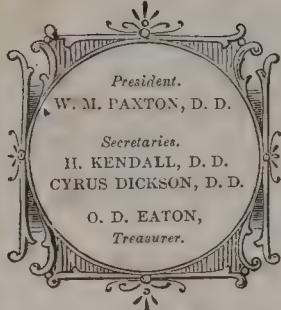
These letters reached

her ~~respectfully~~, and I am somewhat
anxious of the delay. Send the letter

In vain I explained that you
would write the children a nice letter,
and perhaps be able to interest them
more in Home Missions than it could
be done in any other way. Mr. Jones
seemed to side with her. Said every
thing given by any member of the chd
ought to be reported to the board. I
quietly let the subject go, and said no
more. but dear little Mrs. Jones has been
asking some of her friends for a little
private aid. And she called to day
and told me she would be sure to get
enough to pay the \$25 you knowed.
I send you a check for \$30. I send
\$25 and my husband \$5. He does
not know how much I put to his, and
it is not necessary he should know, as
it is out of my private purse. He seldom
gives any thing. His education was
neglected when he was young, in that
respect. And he likes what he does do

appreciated. It seems a trifle to speak of, but perhaps a little word of acknowledgement would encourage more giving. The money I send now, I think would be well spent in getting something for the family of which you speak. It may be two weeks before the other will be sent. When it is sent I would be glad you would acknowledge it to Mrs. Jones. She will show it to those who have given her money. It will be a chance to tell them of some of the hardships our minister suffers. Mr. Jones thinks there are too many in the pld. That the board has no right to come - nothing more than they can well support. Meanwhile we must, I suppose let the Catholics occupy the ground. Why do not the Churches wake up? I wish I could find you man, but I cannot do so. I have been unfortunate in not having my interests placed on a large port

and I have been told by
a few people I suppose
you would find me more
useful if you were willing
to do up the business so
well as I may and still have
the pleasure of the money after
you have paid your bill. We
would pay you what we have to and
not be afraid there would ever
be any trouble about you
understand with the way you have
got money and the time to do it
it will be better for us both
in every respect. You may play
about the 1st September when I
will be at home then there is
nothing to be done and I shall be
at home the next week and be
able to do all the work



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No. 23 Centre Street.

New York, April 9. 1877

Dear Bro. Jackson-

A long time ago I wrote a full & well-considered letter to the brethren in New-Mexico - naming three or four of them & sent it to Bro. Smith. He has never answered it tho' alluding to it & thereby showing that he had received it & the other brethren some of them at least say they have never seen the letter & have heard nothing from Smith concerning it. I can not understand it.

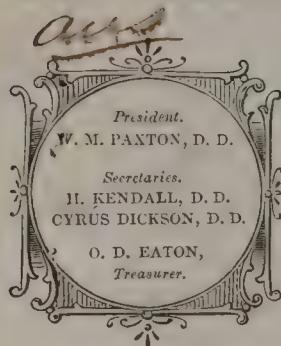
The letter was rather imperfect of having some of their best elders commis-

signed as Colporteurs by
the Publication Board.

I hope to hear from you
as soon as possible var-
fully as may be what
the present plan for ag-
gressing work in that
Presbytery is.

I have written Riggle al-
so long ago asking him
if he will seek & take a
place for permanent
work in the Gen.

A former Missionary
of the Foreign Board in
Chili, familiar with the
Spanish tongue - laboring
with Spanish speaking
people - a Jesuitical refugee
wants an appointment
in New-Mexico - We can
make no appointments
till we hear from you &
the brethren there -



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Deems you to Leng-
mont. Reid to Berulder
& Valmont. Cook at
Missoula may draw
another offer him for
Bozeman - We can't hear
a word from Montana.
Russell sent his Statis-
tical Report to day &
made no sign - We do
not know whether he is
going to stay at Butte
or come out. We don't
know whether there is any
vacancy there or not.

Brid goes right on to Utah
Leonard the 1st of June -
whether any other bride
McKissic at Salt Lake City

depends on what McChil-
lan says when he gets to
the Assembly - Carson
wants to go if he is
needed.

What about the School
at Santa Fe now - Riffle
Mrs. Snippeth &c &c -
Give me a few
words of possible
Yours truly
H. Kendall

aus einer anderen Bibliothek, aus
einer zweiten handschriftlichen

High elevation

— 1 —

~~Dear Mr. Chapman Jackson~~

See below.

selected from

you will read they have written
to you. I have had no time
to consider it much but I suppose it was
the best for you. And you will be
sure to find more time when
you have a schoolroom to consider
it. It may go off Saturday or Sunday
but then I will send you
a copy of your address from
Mr. M. who has asked me to forward
it. I think it will be necessary
next to see how it goes with the women
and I shall get it off by noon
on my arrival at Boston and then
will be able to get it to you after
I return. I have had time yet this morning
and I will have time to-morrow morning
if that does not suffice. I have been
over that lecture too but I do not know
as yet whether it is good or not. I have
written to Mr. C. and told him of my
plan and he has advised me to do it.

ans

Cermonie White

Apr 8th 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Brother,

I find it next to im
possible to attend Lynd - for want
of money and for want of opportunity
to leave my work. I have been visiting
the Mormons everywhere Sat since Pds
and am very cordially received
in all places with much enthusiasm.
At Brigham City I have not seen such
an audience in Utah, House crowded
to its fullest extent - gallery & floor
holding about 4000 - The meeting room left
to my control. So also at Fillmore
and North Strong. There is the fullest freedom
in speaking to the people, and they hear me.
Personally or by mail there is no

Accessable on account of their brutality
and being less intelligent

The Confession of Lee is having a won-
derful effect in breaking their Faith
in Brigham Young but only the more
intelligent are the true ones to see
the truth. The Salt Lake Tribune is
doing a telling work. They increased
extra copies of the daily and two thousand
of the Blackley pamphlet. Lee's Confession
was sold - and largely bought by the
people as they did not publish it.
The Daily Eagle speaks the truth
giving a full account of Mormonism as he
said in '59 came out in an extra
first Sat. I rec'd my copy for another
week at Brigham last week. Also a
from Dr. Graham to buy for a house. The
intelligent have perceived the consequences and
acted so far. The services here are
all that could be desired except the persons
and property of the slaves. The house of Lee
and Cobb & the Blackley's are the only ones left.

3 new ministers
about 20 members
220 Clergy
1000000
but some Preachers
of whom it is
not known

Pick & Die
Sewell - Leonard.
Dunn J. Shook
W. M. Jackson

Austin Texas.
Apr. 17, 1877.

Are you not
at this time acting for "Our
World to Congree?". I hope
so that you will conclude
Texas to be a prominent
enough world to fit your
ambition.

The condition is this; the
work is growing up now,
immigration is flowing in
this fair like a continuous
stream for years, & today
there is no better H. m. ground
in the U. S. than the State

Austrian Heavy Artillery

but the freshet
is
of great
importance.

One
regards
the
mud.

The
other
regards
the
water.

Do you
think
you will
be
able to
cross
the
Lancaster
River? We
will be
glad to
see
you.

Presbyterian
met at Lancaster - we had 3 new ministers
about 20 ministers
& 220 churches
in the Presbytery
but the freshet
is
of great
importance.
The
one
regards
the
mud.
The
other
regards
the
water.

of Texas - our Board is working
with this fact & I believe will
recommend ready aid in
any amount (to them possible)
amount - The presence of the Senator
Mr. Davis & Mr. Gresham
won't stop our work for
60 seconds - They will spend more
time in a hasty discussion over
some unimportant matter of
topic, or one or two points in their
own book of old cliche's than they
will in trying to grasp & provide
for this great field of labor - indeed
they must feel their hands do
nothing at all if no one mother
(Methodist) takes it in about 12

times as many members as the
P. C. in the Cumberland.
about 2 or 4 times as many &
yet Presbyterian had the least
start of any denomination in the State
— This therefore bids us that
we must have a Superintendent for
our work of "quit grace & preference"
— very much depends on it man
we fit. We may have a "Leader
of Jesus" next year but almost cer-
tainly the year after — our Pres-
bytery has been for the last year
at two trying to keep up Work going
under Bro Bell's Superintendence but
very want of money makes it more
evident that this cannot be.
— At a meeting at Dennis last week
we divided the field giving Watkins
the frontier Counties (Western Central
Vicksburg) & Bro Bell the South &
West Rail roads but this will not work
— Bro Bell is too old to do it

W do the work he ought to do & nothing
will do a good Evangelistic Work
holding meetings & organizing Ch's after
the Dutch fashion (he was a Combed.
Engt. Soldier, b, th may) - but he
has got the qualities for it General
Inspiration of our work -

Like Diogenes we must light our lantern
about for a man & neglect not
your love for the wounded body, least
you bring the Ground back, least
you all - I cannot keep my mind
off you ifa - My fear is that at your
distance you cannot know the
true greatness of the work we have done
here nor the probabilities of success.

Now please write me a letter &
give a hint that it is possible
that we can get you. Do not be
too quick to think "no". - If
you will but give me a private hint
of this effect I think I can make
up all the details such a way as
will save you from any inconvenience

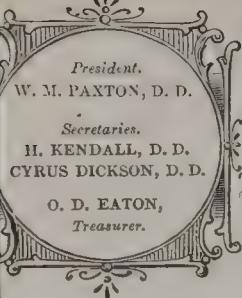


WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver
Colorado

Del Norte Col. April 19th
My Dear Bee.

Geo. back from Cleary
Oshkosh. Gathered club
of 15 members. Great
enthusiasm of over
his coming through
in so terrible weather
roads &c. went afoot
with Burro. Snow belly
deep to ". Had to drag
him out. Had to wade
streams about 36 times
Camp in storm & snow.
No fire. Nearly died.
Got to Indians Friday night
with knees swollen double
size - feet & ankles swollen round.
Waded River camped at 1 time
in 25 miles in our day. last
day. Practiced first summer
ever in Cleary. Please send
half fare for him & me to see
Yours & Lt - Alex. M. Darling



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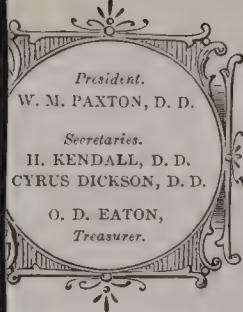
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New York, April 19, 1877

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Did you get my note to your Aunt H?
I wrote you there was com-
ions to know if Mr. Roberts
was appointed to be at the
Assembly & also to know
what action the Presbytery
took with regard to the matter
we wrote the brethren about
long ago concerning the
disownment of some
Mexican elders at Colpo-
tency. Did the brethren a-
pproved & decide they
ordain them or license
them to go out as preachers?
It should be glad to know all
about it.



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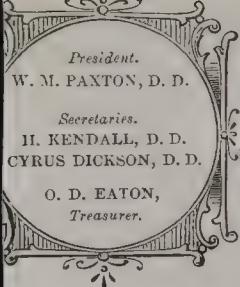
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To keep you posted fully as to our movements at this end of the line - at the risk of repeating what we have said before - we will say that according to your arrangement John goes to Pablo - Reid to Boulder, Belmont Deems to Segment. But a middle man takes his place there - two three or four months.

Note. What bearing will this have on Firth & Hart Collins?

You will see Egbert about these days. Isn't his suggestion about 17th Street, & Bless's church feasible? Can't the U. sell its old property & unite with the other church after



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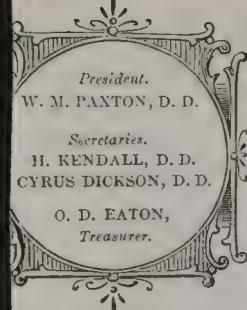
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Bentley leaves - bear with
Bliss for a while - then if he
cannot satisfy them - let him
leave & come on a new man!
I trust that a practical solution
of the Free Church question in
it. which we all have to bear
We are delighted with what
we hear of Kimball's success
in helping the slaves here out
last!

As to Wm Bird has gone or
seened his brother - it can
goes on about June 1. or soon
after the Gen^r. Assembly.
Carson stands ready to go
if a 3^d man is needed.
Rowell has heard from
Montana. Russell goes to



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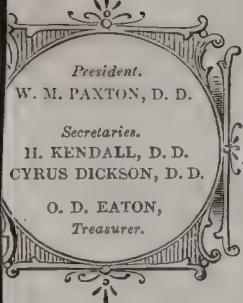
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still keeps the field - Cork goes to Missoula - Bozeman is represented as prosperous & the White Territory also - the demand for men men is men import than labor we are determined to pick one or two ... etc.

Now we have a project for you for the Summer which we think should be laid before you before the meeting of the Gen. Assembly - If you are there - I mean at the Assembly, we can talk with you about it more fully - It may be necessary that you could be apprised of it in other towns due imp-



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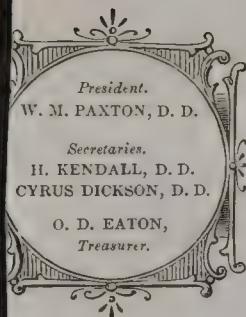
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wanting for it.

We do not suppose you have any definite knowledge about Oregon as a place for us to establish ourselves. Rom-

well says the Episcopalian are entrenched there, & if so, with the limited force all the communions here in Utah it is not wise for us to go in there. It may be found that there is no open-
ing for Leonard at the North & we may have to send him to the South. We should like you to go before this is possible & find out - of-
ferring a strange man into such a field when he can



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nothing but paid it out at our expense. That is not a business's way of doing it.

2. We think you have never come up thorough with in Montana - You have dashed in & dashed out again. The Gov. has come to demand somethin better. We propose then for that you go in there & find them or few months of work - if we find sufficient men, that you shall introduce them upon the way before them - & besides, that you shall become acquainted with the people in the valleys & the new mining towns & be able to present a report from

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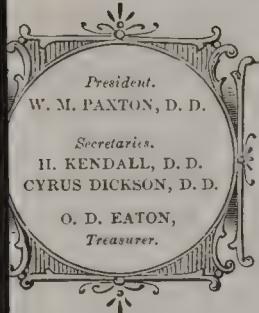
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from actual observation & not based on partial newspaper Reports.

If we cannot find the men we need, you can supply us from other places several Sabbath schools & hold things in status quo at least. No other part of your field seems to us missing in its demand at the present time. You have excluded New-Mexico & Utah through a line, one considerable - You have marked off strategic points. The time seems to us to have come to do equally thorough exhaustive work in Montana. Your motto's service would



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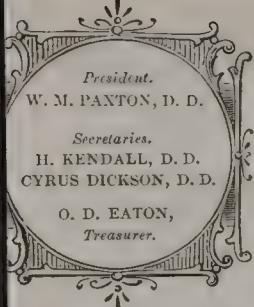
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give you an acquaintance with all the towns, all the ministers, & all the leading people & it would be of vast advantage to you to visit work-

Then as the conclusion of such a service as we want you to pass over the road from Coeur d'Alene or Kellogg - or striking out from Montana, further west go over to Rock City & on to Walla Walla. The latter point is not in your file but that is of little consequence. Returning we should like to have you visit, if possible, the towns North of Elko of which Bakersville



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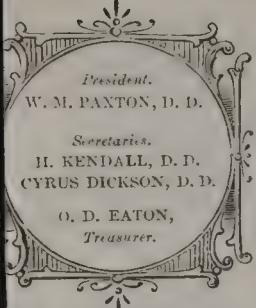
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& northward of Niemannucca -
& know of all that falls west
of the Pacific Rail Road
to the Cal. & Or. line -

Nevada properly belongs to
Oregon. But he has men than
he can do in Cal. You can
for the much out of work
unless you add to it what
is herein suggested. Then is
not likely to be un missing
work for you for the summer
& not this. And all that
the region, with its mining
towns & settled & opening
valleys, we need must a
knowledge of them as you
can gain by a protracted &
careful survey as we sug-



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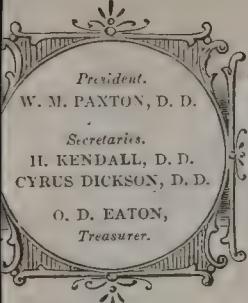
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gost. We do not think there is any better way to pass in your time -

With the discovery of gold in San Joaquin - the Black Hills & the Indians subdue - the whole Rocky Mt. System, in its available points will . . . be passes ed. We must have our hand on it.

4. The Black Hills are near er at hand & can visit. There is a great rush there then the excitement it's ever as it now is in all that region we suggest, we can see what it is best to do. But for the summer we



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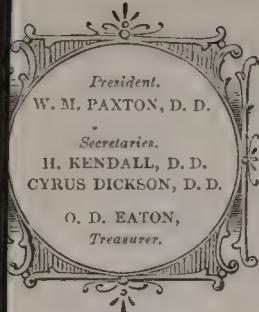
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think we have indicated your field & work -

You will be glad to know that the financial outlook is more encouraging than we expected & that we stand ready to send the right men to all the important points now open from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you expect to be or the less mobile & any information you may have about the matter, included in the letter - There is a goodly number of



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young men ready to go out
& now is the time to push
forward.

We have not heard much
from you this winter & spring.
There is a good deal due
us by this time.

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

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21 Apr
Trinidad Colorado

Dear Bro. J.

Recd your card
sent for map -

I have been think-
ing - not very definitely it
is true - but thinking
perhaps - Utah might of-
fer an opening for
us - I presume Salt
Lake is supplied -

I think in the event
of going east wife &
I will try to visit Utah
to see for ourselves and
to be able to tell others

I do not know as the
altitude of Utah would suffer
don't know what it is -

I write so you can be

thinking of it -

Another thing - I presume
we will dedicate about
1st June - and must
depend on you -

Want you any how
but I presume on account
~~of expense~~ we can have no
one to assist you

B. & J. Shulzoff

Ouray, Colo. May 1st/77

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Colo Springs Colo {

W^t Sir,

Enclosed you will find
petition asking for the appointment
of Geo M Darley to become a minister
in our midst. I had hoped to get
more names to the list but as it is
it will express the feeling and disposition
of many citizens and I feel confident
I know enough members in the
Presbytery that my opinion on
Bro Darley being the right man
will be accepted. I would had
more names had it not been for
a serious town trouble that has
embittered many citizens against
each other & seriously blocked
things. I believe Bro Darley would
care less if sent and he is surely

the right man. It met with
favor in the eyes of all who
met him. You know it takes
a peculiar man for a new & run-
ning town. In my opinion any other
man ^{be} sent will not be the right man.
But seeking God in prayer will
decide this matter as all should be,
more especially church work.
I feel confident by June 15th we
can commence & finish a
good church. I can raise
\$500 t^o 700 here and \$500 in N.Y.
with Bid aid we will be OK
the blessings of the Lord abounding
among us.

Please do all you can
to have Bro G. W. Dorley
appointed here

With Christian love

Yrs
J. S. Mills Jr.

Alma, Colorado
May 6 1877

The Rev. W. P. Tideworth, having visited Alma on Wednesday, April 25th 1877, announced after preaching in the evening that he would again visit this village - no preventing Providence - on Friday & Saturday previous to Sabbath of May 6th & proceed to the organization of a Presbyterian church, if the way be open.

These arrangements were met; the way was found to be open, & on Sabbath of May 6th, 1877, The first Presbyterian church of Alma was organized. It is also the first evangelical church in the village & the third in the county.

Membership

Nathan M. McKillip &
Nancy A. McKillip, his wife

Mrs. Barbara E. Ellis

Mrs. Virginia S. Link,

By letter &

By Progession:

Mrs. Catharine Page

Mrs. Grace Galey &

Miss Mattie Frewick

Mr. Nathan M. McKillip was
elected & ordained to the office
of Ruling Elder.

It was announced that in
two weeks the sacrament of the
Lord's Supper would be adminis-
tered

At the close of these exercises
the congregation proceeded to
the organization of a Union Sabbath
School.

W. P. Feltwork,
Mod. & Clerk of Session
Alma, May 6th, 1877

83 Henry St., Brooklyn
May 8th, 1893.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

You letter concerning
the moral condition of the people in
~~New~~ was read before the Board of
the Brooklyn Woman's Home by
Rev. Miss. So in secret conclave.
It presents a most frightful picture
of degradation & savagery, which
can scarcely find a parallel, even
in heathen countries. I cannot un-
derstand that a government before
senting a civilized nation, should
so long have tolerated so terrible
an evil. I am glad to learn that
it is now working its way down
into the cities, & sectioned them
under the name of religious duty -

and ~~be~~^{is} about to interfere to sub-
due them - In poor women &
children I can't help thinking that
the very instincts of their being,
even if conscience be perverted
must revolt at such a life - It
is said, that they never smile, but
see particularly that hopeless - sunken
watched look, that seems like a
silent & satanic appeal to the
God of Justice, to come & liberate
them from the chains that have
entered into their very souls -

All our ladies were deeply
affected by your story - & we
resolved that we would do
what earnest & prayings hearts
could do - in the aid of a school -
we have, now, I think in the
necessity the sum of £450 - over

that, I believe - waiting to be ab
sorbed into the purpose. Dr.
Pendell will resign into no. a
lien or work - We have been looking
to find in our own City, a ^{atty.} ~~leader~~
who would be willing to do so in
accordance with the one
already volunteered - Who will take
part hereafter - (you - or Dr. P. told
us of this one) I think we ought
not to delay - the money is ready as
soon as the leader is found -

I send you paper with rest
interest - It is all done with you
now - God bless it - & the cause
it advocates - Our dear Country -
it must be won for him -

Yours very truly

Mrs. John Brooks
Ex. Secretary

Aus

Austin Texas

May 11 1877

Dear Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Madam.

Daughter to
have written before, but
in view of just beginning a
series of meetings (with
Professor Grant as Friendless
Evangelist, preacher &
Singer Deaf) & I have
kept them.

About the Question
you ask, there has been
no communication with the
Secretaries to distract
your peace & happiness.
I told the Secretaries
in my letter, I believe,
that we needed some
new "Sheldon Jackson"
or "Friendless Hill"

meaning that you needed
some time like them if
we could not get the originals
Not Inactivity will make
not come under any Co-
-stances, even if he would
put this Latitude, &
there are reasons why it
would not be wise, on
account of his very extreme
position. (our now main-
tained with pertinacity &
with no grace of silence
when silence would conquer)
object of Slavery
of the war.

Of course we do not
want any body who has
no opinion on these sub-
jects, Mr. Donchord who
for the cause will not
maintain a controversy

I think that Rev Prof Brown
also meets abra needing
some man like his
husband - on the whole
it is better that our man
should have been an
O. S. Presbyterian & at least
If you have any rules
or address & mention
of the "Seventeen Pds". Ch.
Rev. L. T. Ross should realize
the need of some one like
Caldwell to bring it up to date
State of Presbyterianism
- He would come in just
time to form us into a
Synod in a year or so.
Your friend of L. T. Ross
does not claim you
for they are not everywhere
seen & that we act as far
as could make them popular

Circumstances it can't be
you are here, become better
I adapt myself to -

You husband's trips here
will not be so long. No
difference as great as
where you are - The country
where the population is growing
so rapidly is 100s
of 1500 cabin & sea & very
healthy. You could live at
Austin, or Dallas, or even
or Austin or at least
any other point (say Austin)

- Your sickness here gave
you gloomy views of Texas,
but I know there are many
things you would like intensely
much depends on Dr's
Juel's comin.

May God give him
wisdom to direct - Dr Taylor
will send word. He would
be surprised if they knew
his worth - with many good

Austin Texas

May 11 1877

Mr Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Madam.

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Received at No. 247 16th Street, Denver. 605 P.M. A.M.

To Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Denver Colorado
 Cook to Borenau McNeece
 to Salt Lake Longmont accepted
 by me

J. P. Egbert

8 Collect
 W.F.R.

Salt Lake City

City Hall May 1st

Professor - Things are progressing, we have had
a bad winter and the crops are not in so well, we have
had a hard time getting our wheat and barley
from the Indians by water. I am in hope
to get the affair to go better as soon as possible.
The winter has been very dry and there
is only very small supply of water, but we
have I am afraid to believe this will be enough
unless there is very little rain in the mountains and some
rain with the rest of the snow melt. We have
seen a few more Indians around the mountains
but no rain and we have not yet I suppose
seen the Indians to have you up to them on
the mountains. I have seen the few Indians that
we have here to be a rather good
people. Some of them I just
saw a number back and went to see
the Mississippis and some of the Indians
from the Mississippis. They have a
few cattle and horses. If I can find the
best of the Indians and some of the best

in the next year I would have
my boat back, although it is hard to believe
that French's may do. I regret this & am more
than willing to pay for the Curtis & 81
at once. Please advise me as to the
price. Paid up for 1880 \$1000 as my first
year's rental.

J. M. Coyner

S. L. City May 14th 77
Salt Lake City Utah

Dr. Dickeson, Friend

Dear Brother

A few
facts in regard to our work
in S. L. City. Our school is growing
in size and influence, & winter-
term writing is more & more
than it has been. The great number
has been to get our pupils to
think for themselves. The meetings
on the 2^d & 3^d have been dedicated to the Mormon
Church periodicals & classes. But
we can see the stamping of a little
play, carrying over profits, &c.,
self-righteousness & not thought.
And therefore now, that I am blunt
as my own son has fully made
a profession of Christ, and has H.
Ministry in view. ~~the~~ that we need
have a desire of such. for this the
labour of the past.

As you know we are building a
School house. Our basement was so
unhealthy that we had either to give
up the school or build an entirely

A Special Appeal.

To the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent:

DEAR BRETHREN: The sessions of the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute have been held thus far in the basement of the church, but the accommodations are so limited and the light and ventilation so poor that the Trustees must either abandon the enterprise or provide better accomodations for the school. But the work is too important to allow it to be abandoned; therefore they have secured a lot and subscription sufficient to justify them in letting a contract for the erection of a school house 32x63 feet, to be completed by Aug. 1st. After raising all we can in the Territory, we shall fall short \$1,500 of the amount necessary to complete and furnish the building.

We appeal to the Sunday Schools of the church to aid us in raising this amount. We ask each school to give to the Mission educational work in Salt Lake city the proceeds of one Sunday's collections, and thus pay for at least one school desk in the new school house. To enable the small as well as the large schools to aid in this work, we place the primary desks at \$2 50, intermediate \$5.00, academic \$7.50 and collegiate \$10.00.

We earnestly request that you bring this subject before your school at the earliest moment practicable. It is a small thing for each school, but a great one for our church work in Utah.

Every thing indicates that the future will develop events in connection with the affairs of Utah that will cause it to be the center of attraction.

Will it not, therefore, be a matter of interest to your school to know that they have aided our mission work?

Enclosed find a postal card with which you will please inform us whether you can thus aid us, and when we may expect the remittance. We wish, if possible, all remittances sent by July 1st, 1877.

REV. R. G. McNIECE, President of Board.

J. M. COYNER, Principal of School.

Being personally acquainted with the work in Salt Lake city, and knowing the pressing necessity for a school building, I do most earnestly recommend to the Sunday schools to respond to the above appeal.

REV. SHELDON JACKSON, Synodical Missionary.

MISSION WORK IN UTAH.

There is no mission field in the United States that is attracting more attention and that is more worthy of the aid and sympathy of the Christian church, than Utah Territory. The evangelization of the one hundred thousand people who occupy her valleys, is a question of practical importance, not only to every Christian, but to every true patriot.

The Presbyterian Church, true to the sacred trust committed to her care, has been among the foremost to unfurl the standard of a pure gospel in these mountain regions. By means of the missionary and the teacher, she is scattering the seeds of Divine truth that must in the near future bring forth a golden harvest.

Salt Lake City, being the capital and chief city of the Territory, must necessarily be the center of all evangelical effort. The Presbyterian Church was organized in this city by the late Rev. Josiah Welch in 1871. The Salt Lake Collegiate Institute was organized by the Presbyterian Church in 1875. This institution is under the management of a Board of Trustees, composed of prominent ministers and laymen of the church at large. The pastor of the Salt Lake church is President of the Board *ex officio*.

The course of study embraces the primary, intermediate, academic and collegiate departments.

Over two hundred pupils have been enrolled, with a daily attendance of about one hundred. Classes are organized in all the departments.

The work of the school is largely missionary, a large part of the students receiving tuition free. This is done by means of donations and scholarships received from individuals, Sunday schools and missionary societies. The institute is now very much in need of at least fifty additional scholarships to enable it to carry on the work undertaken. A scholarship is \$30.00 per year, paid at such times during the year as is most convenient for the donor. We invite the attention of Sunday schools and others to this opportunity for Christian benevolence. Utah has no free schools, but she has a large population of poor people who are unable to educate their children and who are thus dependent upon our mission schools.

The attention of the Ladies' Missionary Societies is called to the following action taken by the Utah Presbytery, at its last meeting in Ogden, Feb. 8th, 1877; and we hope that through their liberality the Board of Missions will be able to give the proposed help. They are also requested to regard the *Special Appeal* to the Sabbath schools as made also to them, and to be acted upon as God's Spirit may direct:

Realizing the importance of sustaining the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute in its important mission work among the Mormons, we earnestly recommend the Board of Home Missions to commission three lady teachers for that institution at a salary of \$300 per annum each.

The school is in the plain.
The present building is 64 x
34. and will accommodate 150 pupils.
It is so built it can be put up in two stories if we want
to add 11 more rooms which would accommodate
350 pupils. The present building
was built and finished in good style and furnished
with good desks. \$3000. The addition will
cost \$1500 well. In '75-76 we will have
room for an extra one of the first
grade children, in all the time.

We have not thought the first year
but we think we shall need it by next
year. Now between this school and the
High School we make no mistake to let it
differ. Can you not pledge us the
High and the year. This cuts the
obligation. But we cannot do
so to many in the school and make
so to others. It is important that I
know as early as possible for I do not
like to run responsibilities without my
first having the right to do so. We are going
to take up the High School in the
fall of 1876. We will be ready for
the first year.

DEAR FRIEND :

That you may fully comprehend the nature of our work, and the application of your benificence we send you this circular. The Salt Lake Collegiate Institute is in every sense of the term a Church School. Its Board of Trustees is composed of prominent Ministers and Laymen of the Church, and its teachers are active Church workers.

The design of its organization is two-fold;

First—To lay the foundation for a system of solid religious education in this Territory. If we judge the future by the past there will be, ere the close of this century, a large Presbyterian population in these Rocky Mountain regions.

The Presbyterian Church, true to the sacred trust committed to her care, is among the foremost to unfurl the banner not only of a pure gospel but also of a liberal education. In the near future our Church must have a college in Salt Lake City, hence the necessity of occupying the field.

Second—To provide a School in which the poor may have an opportunity to obtain an education. While there are no free schools in Utah there is a large population, especially of those who have left the Mormon Church, who are unable, through extreme poverty, to educate their children; these appeal to us by every motive of humanity for help.

Our School work is largely missionary. Our patrons are composed of three classes:

1st.—Those who are able to pay full tuition, who are mostly Gentiles or non Mormons. This class is limited as the Gentile population is small.

2nd.—Those who are able to pay a part of the tuition.

3rd.—Those who cannot pay anything.

The 2nd and 3rd classes are only limited by our means to aid them.

As the School has no endowment, its charity fund is composed of scholarships and donations from abroad.

We select from the many applications for aid the most promising, and keep some ten or fifteen more in school than we have scholarships. As new scholarships come in we select from these, placing a pupil on each scholarship.

As the parents of all our charity pupils need the help of their larger children, it is often impossible for such pupils to remain in school longer than six months or a year, hence we are often compelled to change pupils on the same scholarship.

We assign pupils to each scholarship and send reports of progress at least semi-annually. If you do not receive such reports we hope you will inform us.

In all cases we endeavor to influence our charity pupils to attend Sunday School, Young People's Prayer Meeting and Church and it is a source of gratification that scarcely a communion season passes that some of the pupils do not make a good profession of religion.

In conclusion we feel that we can urge the claims of this mission work as one that should receive the sympathy of every Christian and patriot, for the social, religious and political questions now agitating this Territory are National in their importance. Therefore we hope you will not only continue your scholarship which expires but use your influence to increase our charity fund.

All scholarships received from January 1st to July we date from January 1st, all from July 1st to January from July 1st.

Will you not inform us whether you can continue your sholarship?

Remember that such aid is vital to the continuance of our work, for our School could not & continue six months without aid from abroad.

Please acknowledge the receipt of our letter.

J. M. COYNER,

In behalf of Boards of Trustees and Instruction.

Idaho Springs Col.
26 May 1877.

Dear Brother -

You may get through
our fourth Sabbath work at 10 AM
enjoying very much - It is
a new hotel station, east of Laramie
and making progress. The
audiences are very encouraging
- particular the young ones - I
only think the church was filled
with these last Sabbath evening.

I do not know whether you
are aware that the Methodists
- is the largest element - in the
church here, community here.
They have no church building
used over the winter.
Now it would produce a
great deal of ill feeling if

we could wait there until
so compromised the meeting
by others there was no chance
in Matane. So the audience
was very small - about one hundred.

The evening audience
in the hall we retain the
hall and have them to open

or close. And they will
have regular meetings. And I would
like you to appoint - between - the
two sets with eyes of the
new ch. young converts whom
we desire to teach.

There is a debt on the ch.
building of 220 dollars date
with two years ago arising
per cent per month.

The library has never been
filled. To put this in shape
and give the ch. Board will
cost about 100 dollars more.

So what we can

brought these objects to the Session
and try to get a membership
granted so if possible to
get the Ch. in shape for a
convenient meeting.

With regard to your intended
visit next Sunday - with a
view to receiving members.
I believe it is too soon.
But will be glad to hear
from you - or if you can
run up to see you - for
advice -

Hope you will approve
of me.

As we love you, pray
the prayers of the Christians
in answer for our success.

Yours very truly

John MacAllister

Please send me a copy of your new

Fort Collins, ^{Colo} May 29.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I know that you are now away at Gen. Assembly but I want you should be sure to hear from me, so I write you that you may receive it on your return without fail.

I was given to understand that the church would be completed here with little or no debt. So I called session together to make arrangements for dedication. Having completed this business, Mr. Armstrong, my peculiar trial, informed us there would be a debt of 15⁰. on church. This changes the face of affairs. I declare. I would not dedicate the church until it comes

be done free of debt so that practically
the arrangements hinge on this debt.
I further made a proposition that
if the trustees would meet their
obligations to me on salary due in
June, I would shoulder the debt.
I. e. I would raise what I could
mostly elsewhere, for but little ^{more}
can be done here, ~~now~~, & what I can
not would pay myself, for I can
not stay here longer delaying along.
Then it would be too much loss
to the church if not dedicated
now, but as a matter of principle
& conscience with me I could ^{not}
assist in dedication. Furthermore
it seems to me that it can be
done & all debt cleared just as
well in four weeks as four months.
Several are waiting to join, two
on profession. Also we do not wish
to occupy before dedication. To
dedicate June 24th free of debt, ~~is~~,

it seems to me, at least, would be
very favorable to the cause.

In our arrangements the sessions
voted unanimously that Dr. Jackson
be urgently requested to preach the
dedication sermon, on June 24.

In hoping to meet the debt, of course
I looked to you, notwithstanding I
said last winter, that we would get
along without calling upon you, as
I hoped. — I have been compelled
to stand aside, as a figure head
on Committee, & see it go on. &
if it came out in debt I had no
hand in ~~controlling~~ expenses, but
must accept it. I think if I had
had my way it could have been
kept within our funds, but some
one must give in or there would have
been an open outbreak.

I expect to visit Laramie & Cheyenne
start & be gone about two weeks. On
my return I'll stop probably in Denver.

I remain
Yours truly
Mrs. S.
J. A. Finch.

I hope that you may ^{afford} me some relief so that the dedication need not be postponed.

I think Dr that you will have to come up at dedication or many will be dissatisfied & disappointed. I could excuse you if necessary, knowing your labors, better than the rest. So I hope you will come, but first ask present you see the ^{if} in the way. Perhaps in a few days I can in some way by chouldering it myself, remove the ^{if}. So that it shall be a certainty. I have told you how it is, can you suggest any way out? I commenced building, emphasising the point of no debt & now to change from it, I can not & think anything of my word, or my principles. Hoping the Lord will bring us out of it all right

P.S. In reading over the above ^{things} I have taken much for granted that you believe. Do not infer that there is any difficulty here other than with one man. Otherwise all is favorable & promising.

I remain
Yours & L.
in Mrs. Johnson's
kind regards to
regards D. D. Links.

P. S. In reading
over the above
I see I have
taken much that you
knew. Do not think it
is unfair that differently
than any other man.
Otherwise all is
one & harmonious.

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relief as that the discussion need not
be postponed.

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will be disastrous & disappointing.

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